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Yukon Housing Corporation and Habitat for Humanity Announce New Housing

WHITEHORSE - Habitat for Humanity and Yukon Housing Corporation (YHC) announced today they are joining forces to build a new multi-family project in downtown Whitehorse.

"Yukon Housing Corporation and Habitat for Humanity share the same goal of affordable housing," Jim Kenyon, Minister responsible for YHC, said. "By working together on this project, we're creating an opportunity for families who wouldn't have achieved home ownership otherwise."

Construction on the multi-family unit is expected to begin in spring 2009. As per Habitat for Humanity requirements, the home will be built by volunteers, homeowners, and businesses using cost-reduced or donated materials.

YHC purchased the lot at 810 Wheeler Street on behalf of Habitat for Humanity. The corporation is providing assistance with design and with the additional costs of constructing the home to its new, energy efficient SuperGreen standards.

"Habitat for Humanity is very proud to be part of the future of downtown Whitehorse," Todd

Hardy, president of the organization, said. "We have named this project "Phoenix Rising," because out of the ashes of a very tragic situation, arose an opportunity for us to provide a few families with safe and affordable housing."

"Thanks to the efforts of the downtown residents and with the assistance of Yukon government's Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods (SCAN) initiative, we were able to remove the long-standing drug house off the property," Minister of Justice, Marian C. Horne, said.

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Todd Hardy, Mrs. Stinson, Jim Kenyon and Michael Purves are working together to build new housing.